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(U) Redding - Woman Arrested on Suspicion of Starting California Blaze

(U) A woman has been arrested on suspicion of starting a Northern California wildfire that spread rapidly, burning homes, and prompting evacuation orders Thursday in a rural community, authorities said. Workers at a nearby quarry reported seeing a woman acting strangely and trespassing in the area in Shasta County where the Fawn Fire was sparked Wednesday afternoon, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said in a statement. Later Wednesday, Alexandra Souverneva walked out of the brush near the fire line and approached firefighters and told them she was dehydrated and needed medical help, Cal Fire said. Souverneva, 30, was taken out of the area for evaluation and treatment. During an interview with Cal Fire and law enforcement, officers came to believe Souverneva, of Palo Alto, was responsible for setting the fire, officials said. She was arrested and booked into the Shasta County Jail. It wasn't immediately known if she has an attorney.

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, ABC

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(U) Colorado – College Student Charged with Bringing 'Large Cache of Loaded Weapons' to Campus

(U) Pueblo – A 24-year-old Colorado college student came to campus armed for war. Robert James Killis was arrested Tuesday afternoon after bringing "a large cache of loaded weapons," including a semi-automatic rifle and nearly 1,000 rounds of ammunition, to Colorado State University Pueblo, according to the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. Killis, who has "previous military experience," had made threats towards the university staff and students, talked about buying body armor, semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and other guns and said that he liked to kill people, witnesses told police. Detectives began surveilling Killis on Monday and watched him leave an ammunition box on the floorboard of his 2020 Chevy Silverado, as well as a bullet proof vest and a case that appeared large enough to hold a rifle or shotgun, according to the sheriff's office.

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, Yahoo

(U) Tennessee – One Dead, 14 Hurt in Shooting At Kroger Grocery

(U) Collierville – One person was killed and 14 others were injured in a shooting at a Kroger grocery store in Collierville, Tennessee, authorities said. The suspected shooter was killed from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said. Authorities are investigating the shooting as a possible workplace violence incident. Kroger company officials did not immediately respond to questions about the suspected shooter's employment status. Police said there were "very serious" injuries among those taken to the hospital. At least 14 patients have visited local hospitals. Five of those patients are in critical condition, while one has been discharged, hospital staff. One victim was not shot but suffered from an anxiety attack, police said. Family identified the victim killed as 70-year-old Olivia King, whom they believe had gone to church for daily mass Thursday morning before shopping at the store.

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, ABC

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(U) Texas – Officials Warns Of 'Credible Threat' Against Legislators Who Voted for Abortion Ban

(U) Austin – Law enforcement alerted members of the Texas Legislature about "a credible threat" to their safety, citing that the concern was targeted at members who voted for the new six-week abortion ban passed by lawmakers earlier this year. In an email to lawmakers Tuesday, Kevin Cooper, the Department of Public Safety's chief of government relations, said the agency had received "a credible threat to your safety from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a majority of you in the Texas Legislature." Cooper said in a follow-up email that the threat "only applies to those members who may have voted for" the abortion bill that passed as Senate Bill 8 during the regular legislative session that ended in May. The threat was apparently made on Reddit and included the names of House and Senate members who voted for the legislation. The user threatened to "end each one of you" and said the lawmakers at hand "are not people to me."

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, ABC 13

(U) Massachusetts – Man Attempts to Storm Cockpit, Strangles and Kicks Flight Attendant

(U) Boston – A man attempted to storm the cockpit of a JetBlue flight Wednesday evening and then proceeded to kick and choke members of the flight crew, according to an FBI affidavit. With a little more than an hour left in the flight from Boston to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the man attempted to make a phone call and "became angry about the call's unsuccess," a flight attendant told the FBI. Thirty minutes later he allegedly rushed toward the cockpit, shouting in Spanish and Arabic to be shot. A flight attendant was able to get the man "corralled" back into the passenger seating area until a pilot decided to open the flight deck door.

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, ABC News

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(U) Somalia – Somalia Court Convicts Foreigners for Membership in al-Shabaab

(U) Mogadishu – A military court in Somalia has convicted two foreign extremists for fighting alongside terrorist group al-Shabaab. The court in Mogadishu sentenced Darren Anthony Byrnes from Britain and Ahmad Mustakim bin Abdul Hamid from Malaysia to 15 years in jail for being members of al-Shabaab and entering the country illegally. They are the first foreign extremists in Somalia to be convicted for al-Shabaab membership, court officials said. Prosecutors said Abdul Hamid and Byrnes came to Somalia to support al-Shabaab and "destroy" and "shed blood." A lawyer for the two, Mohamed Warsame Mohamed, said the men denied being members of al-Shabaab and claimed to have come to Somalia to visit relatives and friends.

SOURCE: 23 September 2021, VOA

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